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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE FROM AF HARROP

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (MOOSE, RICHARD M.), PEPR GV, US

SUBJECT: MOOSE BILATERALS IN PARIS -- GUINEA

1. THE IMPROVEMENT IN US GUINEAN RELATIONS BEGAN LAST
JUNE WHEN PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI TOLD ACTG SEC CHRISTOPHER
THAT A) TU 95 FLIGHTS WOULD CEASE, B) GUINEA WOULD WELCOME
A DELEGATION TO EXAMINE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AND
C) THE GOG REQUESTED THREE COAST GUARD CUTTERS. IN FOL-
LOWING MONTHS WE A) WELCOMED CESSATION OF TU 95 FLIGHTS
AS EVIDENCE GUINEA WAS RETURNING TO TRULY A NON-ALIGNED

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POSITION B) SUGGESTED THE ICRC SEND A DELEGATION TO
GUINEA - WHICH TOOK PLACE IN MARCH, C) AND INFORMED GUINEA
WE COULD NOT PROVIDE CUTTERS BECAUSE OF ARMS TRANSFER
RESTRAINTS. WE ALSO PROVIDED DOLS 5.4 MILLION IN PL-480
TITLE I FOR FY 78 (SAME LEVEL AS PRECEDING YEAR) AND PRO-
VIDED DOLS 6.4 MILLION IN TITLE II TO MEET EMERGENCY
DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN THE NORTH. AN AID PROGRAM IN AGRI-

CULTURAL PRODUCTION CONTINUES SLIGHTLY BEHIND SCHEDULE.

2. IN THE MEANTIME GUINEA HAS A) CONTINUED TO DENY CONAKRY TO TU 95'S (WITH ONE EXCEPTION THAT WAS EXPLAINED AS AN ERROR BY A SUBORDINATE) B) RELEASED 100 DETAINEES FOR

POLITICAL REASONS, C) AND APPROACHED US AGAIN (MOST RECENTLY IN MAY) FOR PATROL CRAFT. HOWEVER THE GOG HAS ALSO SIGNED AGREEMENT TO BUY ONE FROM FRANCE AND HAS DISCUSSED PURCHASE, BUT NOT YET COMPLETED IT, WITH THE SOVIETS.

3. CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN 1,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS REMAIN INCARCERATED FOLLOWING RECENT RELEASES, AND THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT TOURE HOLDS ANOTHER LIST OF PRISONERS TO BE FREED IN COMING MONTHS. THE CESSATION OF SOVIET TU-95 RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS, THE REFUSAL OF THE GOG TO PERMIT RUSSIAN DEVELOPMENT OF NAVAL FACILITIES ON LOOS ISLAND, AND THE FRENCH AGREEMENT SIGNED JULY 7 TO SELL TO GUINEA ONE 29 METER COASTAL PATROL BOAT MAY POINT TO TOURE'S CONTINUED DESIRE TO LIMIT DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIETS. OUR EMBASSY IN CONAKRY INFORMED THE GOG IN JULY THAT US WAS NOT AVAILABLE AS A SOURCE OF PATROL BOATS.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT IN LINE WITH TOURE'S MORE OUTWARD LOOKING AND BALANCED FOREIGN APPROACH THAT THE GENERAL CLIMATE
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OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUINEA IS IMPROVING.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT A FRENCH FIRM HAS AGREED TO SUPPLY ONE COASTAL PATROL BOAT TO GUINEA. WE BELIEVE THIS WILL HELP GUINEA TO DECREASE ITS DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIET UNION.

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